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MINUTES
OF THE
Fifty-Second Annual Session
OF THE
ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.



—Held with the—

WALTHALL CHURCH

September 2nd & 3rd, 1887.



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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

ALLEN, M. C.	Slate Springs, Calhoun county.
COLE, S. M.	Benala, Chickasaw county.
DUKE, G. H.	Walthall, Webster county.
HARDIN, E. J.	Hopewell, Calhoun county.
HICKS, A. B.	Bellfountain, Webster county.
LUSK, T. N.	Lodi, Montgomery county.
MIDDLETON, T. H.	Cumberland, Webster county.
MIDDLETON, W. S.	Cumberland, Webster county.
MITCHELL, J. P.	Cumberland, Webster county.
PAXTON, J. S.	Bellfountain, Webster county.
PUGH, L.	Montpelier, Clay county.
THOMPSON, J. P.	Lodi, Montgomery county.
WATSON, B.	Walthall, Webster county.
WILSON, J. L.	Bellfountain, Webster county.
WILSON, T. H.	Slate Springs, Calhoun county.
WOFFORD, JAMES.	Cumberland Webster county.
BALL, A. C.	Hohenlenden Webster county.
HICKS, G. A.	Bellfountain Webster county.
Hicks, W. T.	Lodi, Montgomery county.

LICENTIATES.

EIDSON, J. J.	Bellfountain, Webster county.
HOWELL, JOHN.	Atlanta, Chickasaw county.
THOMPSON, W. H.	Lodi, Montgomery county.
WHITE, ROBERT.	Slate Springs, Calhoun county.

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MINUTES.



The Zion Baptist Association met in its 52nd annual session with the Walthall Church on the 2nd day of Sept. 1887.

The appointee and alternate to preach the introductory sermon were both absent; Brother R. B. Hughey of the Columbus Association by request preached from 2nd chapter and 3rd verse of Hebrews. Theme: "Christian duty."

After an hours intermission the Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. T. Pryor, who read the first 16 verses of the 12th chapter of Romans and after some appropriate remarks and prayer by M. C. Allen the body was declared ready for business.

The letters from the various Churches were called for and brought forward.

On motion of T. H. Wilson the Finance Committee was appointed that they might settle with the delegates as their letters were read. The following brethren were appointed: G. Hunter, James Denton, and Wm. Yarbrough.

W. J. Taylor and G. W. Dudley were appointed reading clerks.

The following Churches were represented:

Atlanta—W. B. Moore.

Spring Creek—

Antioch—R. W. Barton, J. H. Jacks, J. Q. Durham.

Pleasant Grove, (Grenada)—P. W. Rodgers, James Black, Greensboro—J. R. Nolen, J. F. Johnson.

Concord—H. D. Smith, R. G. Harvey, J. R. Shaw.

Sabougla—J. A. Cox, W. J. Yarbrough, W. D. Cook.

Spring Hill—Eli Harden, B. Kelley.

Cross Roads—H. H. Wommack, A. Shelton, A. Skelton.

Mulberry—W. E. Aldridge, S. L. Wray.
Bethel—S. M. Denton, S. M. Doolittle.
County Line—T. H. Middleton, W. A. Whitaker.
Midway—M. K. Gilder.
Union—J. L. Harrison, T. W. Sheppard.
Harmony—Terrell Rose, R. H. O'Neal.
Bethany—T. H. Wilson, M. C. Allen, Smith Fox.
Mt. Pleasant—J. L. Arnold, J. W. Wright, S. G. Hunter.
Fellowship—J. L. Wilson, A. B. Hicks, A. B. Cannon.
Mt. Zion—W. R. Sally, F. A. Greenlee.
Pleasant Grove, (Montgomery)—W. A. Hurt, A. Bruns,
R. E. Hurt.
Spring Valley—W. A. Hodges.
Milligan's Springs—J. S. Eiland, N. J. Sheffield.
Wakeforest—J. F. Mitchell, J. S. Martin.
Double Springs—W. L. Hilhouse, James Wafford.
Philadelphia—J. N. Patterson.
New Liberty—J. P. Thompson, Jesse Patridge, John
Townsend.
Bluff Springs—J. N. Rodgers, H. G. McCain, Henry Hitt.
Shiloh—C. B. Reeves, W. H. Kirk, D. M. Wray.
Walthall—G. W. Dudley, E. Lovett, W. A. Hays.
Mt. Pelier—D. F. Bond, T. A. Cethron.
Hebron—J. J. McQuary, J. W. Skelton, Jno. Duke.
Petitionary letters were then called for and received from
Enon—H. H. Fox.
New Hope—J. H. Pryor, J. W. Spencer,
And on motion these Churches were received into the
Association and their delegates welcomed to seats in the body.
The Association then proceeded to the election of officers
for the ensuing year.
On motion of Bro. T. H. Wilson the officers were elected
by ballot, with the following results:
J. T. Pryor, Moderator.
W. A. Hurt, Clerk.
J. H. Pryor, Treasurer.
Brethren R. B. Hughey and A. C. Robinson acting as
tellers.

On motion of T. H. Wilson the Treasurer was asked to make his report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee. (Appendix A.)

On motion of J. A. Cox a Committee on Devotional Exercises was raised, consisting of D. M. Wray and John Rodgers, together with the pastor and deacons of this Church.

On call for Corresponding Messengers reported :

Yalobusha—Oxford—W. J. Rayburn.

Louisville—G. W. Wallace.

Columbus Association—R. B. Hughey, W. F. Carey and A. J. Cook.

State Board—T. J. Christian.

Brother Christian presented a letter from the Vice-President, Geo. Whitfield, of the Foreign Mission Board, which was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Mission.

Committee on Devotional Exercises made partial report as follows:

To preach to-night, T. J. Christian; to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. B. Hicks.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Aberdeen—J. F. Mitchell, J. A. Cox.

Columbus—T. H. Middleton.

Calhoun—T. H. Wilson, M. C. Allen, J. A. Cox, A. B. Hicks, J. P. Thompson, J. T. Pryor.

Louisville—T. H. Middleton, G. H. Duke.

Kosciusko—R. E. Hurt, A. Bruns, W. A. Hurt.

Yalobusha—J. P. Thompson, A. B. Hicks.

Yazoo—W. A. Hurt, A. C. Robinson, A. Bruns, R. E. Hurt.

State Convention—R. E. Hurt, T. H. Wilson, J. T. Pryor, A. B. Hicks, J. H. Pryor, A. Bruns, M. C. Allen.

On motion of A. B. Hicks the Moderator was instructed to assign the work of writing the various reports for the next meeting of this body to the Churches, said reports to be sent up by their delegates.

The following Committees were appointed :

Foreign Missions—A. B. Hicks, J. H. Pryor.

Home and State Missions—J. A. Cox, J. P. Thompson.

Ministerial Education—T. N. Lust, Willie Thompson.
Sabbath School—L. H. Wilson, J. H. Pryor.
Church Letters—T. D. Arnold, J. A. Cox.
Periodical—M. C. Allen, A. Bruns.
Nominations—Terrell Rose, Jno. Rodgers.
Prohibition—J. P. Tompson, W. A. Hayes.
On motion the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Hughey

SATURDAY MORNING.

Association met as per adjournment. The moderator read for the morning lesson the 22nd Chap. of Issiah.

On motion of Bro. Cox the place of next meeting was taken up.

On motion brother Wilson Bethel Calhoun County was selected unanimously.

The Moderator made reports of churches appointed and the subject assigned for them to write on next meeting of this body (Appendix B.)

Committee on Foreign Mission made their report was received and discussed and adopted (Appendix C.)

The sermon set for 11 o'clock was dispensed with until the afternoon,

The report of Home and State Missions, was read, discussed and adopted and a cash collection of \$10.20 taken up (Appendix D.)

A recess of one hour was had.

On motion the committee on Church Letters made their report. (Appendix E.)

The report on Ministerial Education was submitted and pending the discussion.

The following pledges were made

T. N. Lusk.....	\$20 00	J. P. Thompson.....	20 00
A. B. Hicks.....	20 00	J. H. Pryor.....	20 00
T. H. Wilson.....	20 00	J. F. Johnson.....	10 00
H. H. Wammock.....	5 00	Pleasant Grove.....	5 00
J. J. McQuary.....	5 00	New Liberty.....	5 00
W. L. Hilhouse.....	5 00	Eli Harden.....	5 00
J. T. Talley.....	5 00	J. F. Mann.....	5 00

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The Association joined brother Christian in prayer.

Committee on Devotional exercises made report as follows.

Prayer meeting at 10 o'clock to morrow to be conducted by brother Willie Thompson. Preaching at 11 o'clock by J. T. Christian.

Bro. A. B. Hicks preached at the Methodist Church, Chapter—subject.

On motion the report on Prohibition was made the special order of the night session.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, discussed and adopted. (Appendix G.)

Report on periodicals received and adopted (Appendix H.)

Report on Nomination received. (Appendix I.)

The following resolution by J. A. Cox, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to the citizens of Walthall and vicinity for the lavish hospitality extended to her delegates during our meeting.

The clerk was allowed \$15, for his services and ordered to distribute the minutes to each church in proportion to the amount paid.

Report on Finance Committee received and adopted (Appendix J.)

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

Association met at 8 o'clock.

Committee on Prohibition made their report which was discussed and unanimously adopted. (Appendix K.)

On motion the abstract of faith and rules of decorum were ordered published in the minutes.

The business of the Association having been completed the congregation sang "Am I a soldier of the cross," and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. Christian, and the Association adjourned to meet with Bethel Church on Friday before the 1st. Sunday in September.

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On Sunday a collection was taken up for General Mission amounting to \$10.

Thus closed the 52nd annual session, and one of the most pleasant and profitable session of this body.

J. H. PRYOR. Moderator.

W. A. HURT, Clerk.

APPENDIX A
Treasurer's Report.

J. H. PRYOR, Treasurer,

In Account with the

Zion Baptist Association.

1886.

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Sept. 4th	To am't received from Finance Com.....	\$64 75
1887.	" "	" Bethany Church. 93 85
" "	" Fellowship Church	13 25
" "	" Hebron Church.....	5 95
" "	" Philadelphia Church	18 25
" "	" Pleasant Grove, (C. Co.)	7 75
" "	" New Hope Church.....	39 00

Total receipts..... \$233 80

1886.

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Sept. 4th	By amount paid J. B. Gambrell.....	\$ 64 75
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" "	" B. W. Griffith.....	39 65
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" "	" Postage.....	36
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1887.	By am't paid B. W. Griffith.....	106 15
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" "	" H. A. Tupper.....	13 92
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" "	" Postage.....	1 18
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By amount in Treasury.....		7 80
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Total \$233 18

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APPENDIX B

Assignment of Subject.

1. FOREIGN MISSION—New Hope Church.
2. HOME AND STATE MISSION—New Liberty.
3. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Pleasant Grove Chickasaw County.
4. SABBATH SCHOOL—Walthall Church.
5. PERIODICALS—Bethany Church.
6. PROHIBITION—Pleasant Grove, Montgomery Co.,
7. SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE—Sabougla Church.

APPENDIX C

Report on Home and State Mission.

Your committee on State Mission work report: That while we, as an Association, have not come fully up to our promises, yet we feel to endorse the action of the State Board, believing the plan adopted by said board is as near perfect as well can be. They have in the field 56 missionaries and 8 colporteurs. The board is free of debt. Brethren there are grand possibilities for the Baptists of Mississippi. Then like good soldiers let us fall into line, take the step to the music of the glorious Gospel, and shoulder to shoulder march on to grand and assured victory.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. COX,
J. P. THOMPSON.

APPENDIX D

Report on Church Letters.

Your committee beg to report: That owing to the form of the church letters used, the animus and spiritual condition of the churches cannot be ascertained therefore, except as may be gathered from the reporters statistics. Revivals have occurred in most of the churches. Thirty three churches have been reported. Accessions, by baptism 257 by letter 142, by restoration 34. Total membership reported 2707.

We are glad to report that the churches are generally at peace and harmony, but sorry to see that they are not growing in the graces of giving. We hope the clerk of the Association will publish in the minutes, a form for the guidance of the church clerks, and they will follow the same in their next report to this body.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. ARNOLD,
J. A. COX.

APPENDIX E

Ministerial Education.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Ministerial education beg leave to submit the following:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We should be very careful in recommending ministerial students. Let us have reason to believe that they are called of God to the sacred duty of preaching the gospel. After this, we believe it is our indispensible duty to aid such men in obtaining an education. No trust more sacred has ever been committed to mortal man than the preaching of the Gospel. This being the case the man should be well qualified to preach the gospel to you and your children. As they are to teach us then it becomes our duty to aid in this work. Will we do it? or will we remain neutral

Brethren we humbly beg that every pastor in our Association take a collection during the present year in order that we may assist our worthy brothers W. H. Thompson and A. C. Ball, who are worthy of our confidence and support.

Respectfully submitted

T. N. LUSK, Chairman.

APPENDIX F

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath School submit the following: We regret to report the lethargy in the Sabbath Schools work in our Association, very few of our churches report any schools, and we take it for granted that they have none. Brethren this is not as it should be. We should not content ourselves until we have a Sabbath Schools in every church. We believe that next to the preaching of the gospel the Sabbath School is the greatest instrument in the hands of God in the conversion of souls. There is no telling the good that a faithful Superintendent with a consecrated corps of teachers guided by the holy spirit can accomplish in winning souls for Christ. The superintendent should be a live active man; the teachers should be devoted consecrated christian men and women.

How could we better spend our Sabbaths than by gathering in the childern and teaching them as best we can the blessed truth of God's holy word.

Another point we wish to urge is the importance of using sound literature, and first of all, let us study the Bible. Then we would recommend the use of Lesson Helps of the American Baptist Publishing Society and works published for the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dear brethren let our motto be an ever growing Baptist Sunday School in every church in our Association. Let

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us every Sabbath gather in the children and teach them the glorious truths of God's Holy word and pray God to sanctify our teaching to the salvation of our children. We recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that each pastor in our Association be requested to use his influence to organize a Sabbath School in each of his churches, equipped with the Literature recommended in this report,

Respectfully submitted

T. H. WILSON,
J. H. PRYOR.

APPENDIX G

Nominations.

The committee on Nominations beg leave to report the following: T. N. Lusk, to preach the introductory sermon at the Association to be held with the Bethel Church Calhoun county Miss., and Bro. C. A. Hick's Alternate.

Respectfully submitted

TERRELL ROSE
J. N. PATTERTON,
J. M. RODGERS.

APPENDIX H

Report on Periodicals.

Committee on Publications submit the following:

The Christian press is the great lever of progress in the Christian world. We need to encourage a pure literature, and while we earnestly recommend the daily study of God's word as the book of books, we also recommend that our people be more liberal in supplying their families with good sound and instructive literature, books of undeniable moral and religious influences. We recommend first of all our own paper, the Record, and the Tennessee Baptist, published at Meridian, Kind Words for little ones. And that our people may become better informed in regard to our foreign work we also recommend the Home and Foreign Journal.

Brethren we must get our people to read more that they may intelligently comprehend the situation and realize the importance of co-operating in all departments of our work.

Respectfully submitted,
M. C. ALLEN,
A. BRUNS.

APPENDIX J

Report on Prohibition.

Your Committee to whom was referred the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic would report that the great work is progressing satisfactorily all over our great na-

tion; the good people are rising up in mass against the monster evil. Satisfactory progress has been made in the great work; only in Texas have we suffered defeat, but our brethren over there are not discouraged, but are boldly carrying on the fight; and the benediction of high heaven will rest upon them in due time. In our own State the cause is wonderfully advanced under our local option law. Not a foot of territory has been lost, while we have added a goodly number of counties to the temperance column.

We are glad to say that the Baptist have been abreast with the foremost in this work for "God, home and native land," and we urge our brethren to renewed efforts against this "pestilence that walketh in darkness and the destruction wasteth at noonday."

We earnestly recommend that our brethren make this subject a special object of prayer.

Resolved, That as an Association we endorse the action of the States and U. S. Congress that have passed scientific temperance instruction laws with special reference to the effects of alcohol and narcotics upon the human system. We will lend our aid to securing similar legislation for Mississippi, believing it to be the surest way of educating the children in scientific temperance instruction.

W. A. Cox.

Report on the Eastern District.

The Eastern District of the Zion Baptist Association convened with Fellowship Church Webster county on Friday and Saturday before the first Sabbath in August 1887. Eld. T. H. Middleton elected Moderator and W. T. Gwin Clerk.

The time for holding the district meeting was changed from the present to Saturday before each Fifth Sabbath in the year, commencing with January next.

Next meeting to be held with Spring Hill Church Calhoun county on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in Jan. 1878.

Eld. C. A. Hicks to preach the introductory sermon, G. M. Duke Alternate.

ESSAYS—Is it right for church members to deal in lottery tickets. A. C. Ball.

What is the best means to get the male membership to attend their church meetings. G. W. Howard.

Is it Right for Baptists to use union literature. J. L. A. Id.

Is baptism in any way essential to salvation. C. A. Hicks.

Does the Bible teach the righteous and the wicked are to appear at a general judgment, at the same time and place. A. B. Hicks.

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Does faith precede repentance. E. L. Hardin.

The importance of christians proving their faith by their works. B. L. Middleton.

C. P. Morris to write on any subject of his own selection.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Spring Hill Church Calhoun Co., Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in Jan. 1888.

Eld. T. H. MIDDLETON, Moderator.

W. L. GWIN, Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRYOR, Treasurer.

September 3, 1887.

Report of the Western District.

The meeting was organized by electing Bro. E. Britt Moderator pro tem., and D. W. Bennett, Clerk pro tem.

Motion and second that brother E. Britt be elected Moderator for the ensuing year and D. W. Bennett Clerk.

Motion and second that our next District meeting be held with New Liberty Church, Montgomery County, and that brother J. C. Finell preach the introductory sermon and M. C. Allen, Alternate. And that the time for holding said meeting be changed from the fifth Sunday in July or August to Friday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1888.

Motion and second that brother J. C. Finell give us a talk on Saturday from the subject that brother J. P. Thompson was to speak from laid down in the minutes of our Association.

Motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

Corresponding delegates to the Eastern District Meeting which convenes with Fellowship Church, Webster County, Mississippi, on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1887, to-wit: Bros. J. H. Pryor, S. A. Pittman, D. M. Wray, D. W. Bennett, and T. H. Wilson.

Brother J. T. Pryor's resolution in regard to organizing evergreen Sunday Schools throughout the several Churches of the District.

Motion and second that the first section of said resolution be adopted, also the second section.

Brothers J. T. Pryor, Hally Fox and T. H. Wilson be appointed as a committee to draw up a program for our next District Meeting and same be sent up to the Clerk of our Association to be printed in our minutes.

Motion and second we adjourn.

D. W. BENNETT,
Clerk.

E. BRITT,
Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be known by the name of "THE ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our Union, or infringe on any of their rights; but shall merely be considered as an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns; nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of procedure, namely: If one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended church to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fail of success, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches in our Union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if satisfaction in the opinion of the helps there called be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon, according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in our individual Church, which upon due labor cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation be not effected, the helps so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association to be acted upon according to its merits. But the Association will take no cognizance of any case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued, according to the economy of the church discipline found in the 18th chapter of the gospel of Matthew, and other parts of the Scripture which defines the nature of offenses and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

ART. 3. The churches in our Union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, written communications specifying the names of their delegates, the number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored, deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 4. Every church in our Union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner: Each church shall be entitled to send three delegates and no more. Any church failing to represent herself as above prescribed, must state her reasons at the next session.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted into our Union by delegates bearing petitionary letters, and if upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving their delegates the right hand in token of christian fellowship.

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ART. 6. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend, according to her views.

ART. 7. At our sessions of the Association, a Moderator shall be appointed by, and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings.

ART. 8. The Association shall have power to exclude from her Union any church that may violate the Constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ART. 9. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 10. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to settle it, but failed. In such case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of the majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

ART. 11. Queries which immediately concern the general union of the churches, sent by a particular church, or introduced by proper motion, shall be taken up and decided on as soon as practicable.

ART. 12. Any church in our union having a preacher whom she may deem worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work, and all presbyteries in the ordaining of ministers and deacons, or in the constitution of churches, shall be governed by the Abstract of Faith adopted by this Association.

ART. 13. The Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by her delegates, and paid over to the Committee on Finance. This committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association Fund, and dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make at every session a fair and circumstantial report of their proceedings.

ART. 14. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body.

ART. 15. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

ART. 16. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

ART. 17. The Association shall be governed in all cases by a majority of the members present.

ART. 18. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of the Association, when a majority of the members present shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. Deut. vi, 4; Mark xii, 29; 1 John v, 7.

ART. 2. We believe the scriptures comprising the Old and New Testament, are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Timothy iii, 16; Roman x, 18.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world. Ephesians i, 4, 5, 11; 2 Thessalonians ii, 13; Romans ix, 11; xi, 5, 7.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Psalms li, 5; Romans vii, 14, 37.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Romans ix, 16; John vi, 44.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Isaiah, liv, 17; Romans, iv, 3.

ART. 7 We believe that God's elect shall be called regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. John x, 16; 1 Thessalonians; ii, 12; John xvii, 2; 1 Corinthians vi, 11.

ART. 8 We believe that Saints shall be preserved in Grace, and never fall finally away. Colossians iii, 3; 1 Peter i, 5.

ART. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus-Christ, and the true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that by immersion is the apostolic mode. Mathew xxvii, 19; xxvi, 27, 27; Colossians ii, 12; Romans vi, 5.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgement, and that the felicity of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be eternal, John v, 28-29; 2 Corinthians vi, 10; Mathew xx, vi, 46.

ART. 11. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a Presbytery Ephesians iv, 5; 1 Corinthians ix, 16; Acts xiv, 23, 1 Timothy iv, 14

ART. 12. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table Acts, iii 41 42.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a discretionary right to call to order at any time.
3. Any member who is dissatisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association, on the same day, but at no other time.
4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and on obtaining permission, proceed.
5. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.
6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or use words of reflection.
7. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.
8. Every case taken by the Association, shall be decided or withdrawn before another shall be offered.
9. When a question is taken up after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the vote of the Association on the subject.
10. If the vote be taken by rising the Moderator shall pronounce the decision before the negative standers resume their seats.
11. Any member wishing to retire, shall obtain permission of the Moderator.
12. No member shall speak more than twice to the same proposition, without permission of the Association; nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debate shall be carried through.
13. The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association by members in their address to one another.
14. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
15. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
16. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member; provided, he appoints another in his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
17. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

Report of Finance Committee.

Your Committee report as follows:

We have received the following sums and paid Treasurer.

For Minutes.....	\$ 88 85
State Missions.....	15 90
Foreign Missions.....	10 10
General Mission.....	5 75
Collected to-day.....	10 20

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

The Churches as reported have sent up during the last year for the various missions the following..... 225 70
Sunday School..... 53 00

S. G. HUNTER, Chairman.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Missions.		General Mission.	Sent up for Missions.	Sunday School	Pastor.
		Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.				
Antioch, Clay.....	\$1 50	\$2 25	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Bethel, Calhoun.....	2 00	.....	2 10	.....	15 60	43 95	
Bethany, Calhoun.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	138 80	.....
Bluff Springs, Web.....	1 55	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Cross Roads, Webster.....	1 15	2 95	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Chestnut Springs, Cal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
County Line, Webster.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord, Webster.....	.....85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Double Springs, Web.....	.....50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship, Webster.....	2 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro, Webster.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	5 95	.....
Harmony, Mont.....	.....75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hebron, Webster.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Midway, Calhoun.....	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon, Webster.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitigan Springs, Web.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pelier, Clay.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mulberry, Montgomery.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant, Webster.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion, Webster.....	.....65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Liberty, Mont.....	1 80	.....	.....	2 65	3 05	.....
Philadelphia, Webster.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove, Chick.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....
Pleasant Grove, Gre.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	
Pleasant Grove, Mont.....	1 50	4 70	.....	.....	5 30	.....
Pleasant Hill, Calhoun.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence, Calhoun.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh, Montgomery.....	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Hill, Calhoun.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Valley, Web.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Creek, Web.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sabougla.....	1 25	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union, Webster.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waithall, Webster.....	2 00	.....	.....	3 10	.....	.....
Wakeforest.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Etion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	37 40	10 00	100 00

\$48.85 \$15.90 \$10.40 \$5.75 \$225.70 \$53.00 \$225.00

CHURCHES.

Antioch, Clay.....	C
Bethel, Calhoun.....	T
Bethany, Calhoun.....	T
Bluff Springs, Web.....	T
Cross Roads, Webster.....	J
Chestnut Springs, Cal.....	
County Line, Webster.....	T
Concord, Webster.....	H
Double Springs, Web.....	G
Fellowship, Webster.....	A
Greensboro, Webster.....	C
Harmony, Mont.....	T
Hebron, Webster.....	T
Midway, Calhoun.....	S
Mt. Vernon, Webster.....	C
Mitigan Springs, Web.....	E
Mt. Pelier, Clay.....	J
Mulberry, Mohtgomery.....	A
Mt. Pleasant, Webster.....	T
Mt. Zion, Webster.....	J
New Liberty, Mont.....	J
Philadelphia, Webster.....	T
Pleasant Grove, Chick.....	T
Pleasant Grove, Gre.....	T
Pleasant Grove, Mont.....	A
Pleasant Hill, Calhoun.....	
Providence, Calhoun.....	
Shiloh, Montgomery.....	C
Spring Hill, Calhoun.....	S
Spring Valley, Web.....	T
Spring Creek, Web.....	J
Sabougla.....	A
Union, Webster.....	J
Waithall, Webster.....	J
Wakeforest.....	J
Enon.....	
New Hope.....	
Atlanta.....	A

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ES.	Pastor	Clerk	Post Office	Total
				Died
				Excluded
				Dis. by letter
				Rec'd by letter
				Restored
				Baptised
	G H Duke.....	J Q Durham...	Pine Bluff.....	10 1 3 1 1 1 50
	T H Wilson.....	C Denton.....	Sabougla.....	2 2 9 8 2 124
un.....	A B Hicks.....	Sam Fox.....	Slate Springs.....	29 2 9 80 180
Web.....	T N Lusk.....	D W Bennett.....	Walthall.....	31 6 11 2 1 2 147
ebster.	J P Wofford.....			83
gs, Cal.				
ebster.	T H Middleto	W T Geoin.....	Cumberland.....	2 11 1 52
ter.....	E J Hardin	J R Shaw.....	Embry.....	1 10 2 1 40
Web.	G H Duke.....	L J Taylor.....	Sprting Creek.....	5 1 1 1
ebster.	A B Hicks.....	J T Tally.....	Belitontain.....	7 3 1 104
ebster.	C A Hicks.....	J F Johnson...	Greensboro.....	16 5 2 3 3 116
.....	T N Lusk.....	J T Dunn.....	Alva.....	3 9 2 4
er.....	T H Wilson.....	J W Skelton.....	Walthall.....	3 1 6 4 83
an.....	S M Cole.....	G W Howard.....	Atlanta.....	15 1 8 14 1 208
ebster.	C A Hicks.....	J W Strickland	Greensboro.....	2 4 1 1 88
Web.	B C Finnell.....	W B Harden.....		1 1 1 1 89
.....	J F Mitchell.....			34 2 7 21 2 100
omery	A H Booth.....	J R Freeman.....	Lodi.....	2 6 1 68
ebster.	T H Middleton	S G Hunter.....	Cumberland.....	2 1 1 35
er.....	J L Wilson.....	W R Saliy.....		3 1 5 67
ont.....	J P Thompson.....	J W Townsend.....	Lodi.....	6 4 1 95
ebster	T H Wilson...	T J Cooper.....		8 3 7 27 2 1 124
Chick.				
Gre...	T N Lusk	J R John-on.....	Williamsville.....	4 1 2 3 1
Mont.	A H Booth.....	B F Kent.....	Winona.....	7 3 1 2 57
lhourn.		J A Duun.....		
houn.				
ery...	C A Hicks	J A Dunn.....		4 2 2 85
oun...	S M Cole.....	W A Hardin...	Hopewell.....	25 3 1 1 144
Web...	T H Middleton	C P Morris.....	Spring Valley.....	4 3 3 49
eb...	J M Dalton.....	Ben Baker.....		3 3 59
.....	A B Hicks.....	W Yarborough	Sabougla.....	15 13 1 3 60
.....	J C Peacock...	W H Harrison	Greensboro.....	5 7 2 32
er....	J P Tompson...	W A Hays.....	Walthall.....	1 2 1 52
.....	J F Mitchell...	J I Martfn.....	Cumberland.....	7 2 3 80
.....	J T Mitchell.....	Big Springs:		1 17
	A B Hicks.....	T N Ross.....	Atlanta.....	11 4 1 10 4 1 154

desires to state that the amount of money in his hand was not sufficient number of copies printed, and he undertook the work himself; and after received an injury, which, with other causes, delayed the work.

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